

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 929

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gene Johnson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Gene “Blackie” Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Lenoir City, Gene Johnson was a highly respected member of the community with an affable manner that always brought cheer to his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, he served with great honor in the United States Navy during World War II before earning the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work with the Tennessee Valley Authority, from which he retired; and

WHEREAS, an unflagging public servant, Mr. Johnson served as a member of the Lenoir City Council, a member of the Utility Board, and as the city’s road commissioner; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Cavalry Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as deacon and chairman of the deacon’s board; and

WHEREAS, Gene Johnson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Hodge Johnson; his sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby Gene, Sr., and Letha Johnson and Ron and Lucinda Johnson; his grandchildren, Bobby Johnson, Jr., and wife, Tonya, Jeremy Johnson and wife, Emily, David Howard and wife, Ashley, Greta Smith and husband, Travis, Anne Taylor Johnson, and Amanda Johnson Lambert and husband, Cody; his stepchildren, Robbie Hodge and wife, Katrina, Richie

Hodge and wife, Teresa, and Yvonne Bright and husband, R.A.; his seven step-grandchildren; his eight great-grandchildren; his siblings, Jim Johnson, Virl Hobson, and Patsy Green; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Vinson Johnson; his daughter, Judith Ann Johnson; his parents, Elizabeth and Clifford Johnson; and his sisters, Faye Conover, Thelma Alexson, and Mary Annis Arnwine; and

WHEREAS, Gene Johnson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gene Johnson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.